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Saturdays 5:30pm (Sanctuary)
Sundays 8:30am (Sanctuary)
Sunday 9:45 am Bible Study/Fish Club
Sundays 10:45 am (LOFT)

February 2024

FROM PASTOR'S DESK

"Biblical Fellowship- Worship"

Pastor Zac Patterson

At our annual congregational voters' meeting, I put forward my focus for this year: fellowship. I stated that Biblical fellowship, as seen in Acts 2:42-47, consists of three parts: worship, caring for one another, and doctrine. I'll be further explaining each of those in the next three Crosslinks. This month, we'll look at worship.

Worship has always been a rich part of the Christian life. We see this as early as Cain and Abel bringing sacrifices before God (Genesis 4). Noah and his family offer sacrifice and praise after leaving the ark (Genesis 8-9). Moses offers praise after crossing the Red Sea (Exodus 15). God gives Israel the Tabernacle as the central place of worship (Exodus 26). King David worships and gives thanks to God (1 Chronicles 16). This Old Testament worship was almost always done in a corporate setting. Worshipping God was done together as God's people.

This fellowship of worship continued into the New Testament. Jesus and the disciples gathered together in synagogues on the Sabbath (Mark 1). Jesus Himself says, "For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them" (Matthew 18:20). That gathering for worship is seen in the early church in Acts 2, as well as the Apostles and others regularly going to the Temple on the Sabbath. Most of the New Testament Epistles, other than the pastoral epistles, were written to be read in corporate worship. The writer of Hebrews wrote, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

One of the best analogies used to describe the necessity of Christians being together is St. Paul's teaching on the body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...For the body does not consist of one member but of many...The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.'...If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together."

This is what the Church is meant to be: the fellowship of the body of Christ. Now more than ever, there is the temptation to think you can "be the Church" by yourself. Whether that means only watching church online, only going to church when it's convenient or the kids are behaving well, or not going to church at all, Christ's people are called to be together; most especially in worship, but also in daily life. This is why we have been and will continue to have occasional joint worship services. These services provide a wonderful opportunity for us, as the body of Christ, to worship together; to praise our God side-by-side the members of this wonderful church. We then have the opportunity to gather together for a time of further fellowship,

whether that's a luncheon before a meeting or simply a time to sit and catch up with one another. It's that kind of Biblical fellowship that I want to foster here at Holy Cross, the same kind of fellowship Christians have been having for millennia.

"MORE FOR '24"

Dear Members of Holy Cross,

Pastor Patterson, with the support of the Finance Committee, has recommended that beyond meeting our congregation approved budgetary goals, funding our Lutheran School should be our top financial objective for the 2024 fiscal year.

In order to help Holy Cross achieve this end, the Governing Board has approved a "More for '24" Funding Campaign. Our wish is to replace the "Stained Glass Window" campaign (which was fully funded earlier this year) with a \$50,000 School Funding to start this new initiative. Our hope is that the "More for '24" goal will be reached before the end of 2024, in which case it will be replaced with other needs.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Cross Lutheran School is now enrolling for the 24-25 school year. We're offering grades Pre-K through grade 4, plus hybrid homeschool options. For more information or a school tour, contact Mrs. Chrissy Heiss at the school office at 847-639-6533.

A few dates and updates as to the happenings around school:

Feb. 6 -Lois Stewart, Mission Facilitator visits school and church 2:00

Feb. 16, 2:00 - Valentine's Party

Tom (Hadley's dad) will be helping move furniture to set up a model classroom for grades 1-4 sometime soon. We will be getting some new things for the classroom as soon as funds arrive. The new classroom will be in the lower LOFT.

Help Holy Cross Lutheran School with snacks!

Fill a box for us (or put something in the kitchen refrigerator) with some of the following ideas:

Craisins	Go-Go Fruit	Ranch Dressing
Raisins	Crackers	String Cheese
Cheerios	Animal Crackers	Pretzel Sticks
Go-Gurt	Vanilla Wafers	Clementines
Skinny Pop	Small Round Tortilla Chips	Kix Cereal
Apples	Salsa	Graham Crackers
Bananas	Carrots	Sliced Cheese

These snacks are needed throughout the school year.

LENT "POTLUCK DINNERS"- Fellowship Opportunity!!

Please Look 🙄 for the signup sheets at the attendance sign in tables. Be a part of our 5:30pm Potluck Dinners before our midweek Wednesday Lent Services. These will be Feb 21, Feb 28, Mar 6, Mar 13, & Mar 20. Sign up to bring 1 or more items and enjoy breaking bread with our church family in fellowship! Be The Church!

IT'S EASTER LILY TIME!!

Time to order your Easter Lillies in honor or memory of family or friends or for Glory to Our Risen Savior! The cost for Lillies is \$14.50. We are ordering from our local small business Periwinkle Flowers. Please return your pink order sheet to the collection plate, or church office by Sunday, March 24, 2024. The Lilies represent purity, rebirth, new beginnings and the hope that comes with the resurrection of Jesus.

MARCH 16 IS NATIONAL QUILTING DAY

Sponsored by Lutheran World Relief. They are seeking people who will meet that day and make quilts to be sent to mission fields and disaster areas around the world.

- ✓ Would you help by donating your time that day?
- ✓ Would you donate fabrics to be made into quilts?
- ✓ Would you donate funds to purchase other supplies that would be used in the quilts?

If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, please get call Mary Jane or Diane as soon as possible or speak to them at church.

NEW MEMBER CLASS:

We will be offering our winter New Member Class starting toward the end of January. This class will include 7 one-hour sessions, one per week. If you are interested in membership at Holy Cross, want to learn more about what our church believes, or you're a member who needs a refresher on what Lutherans believe, this class is for you. Contact Pastor Patterson if you are interested. Dates and times will be determined once Pastor knows who is interested.

OWLS HAPPENINGS

OWLS will meet at noon on February 1 in the lower LOFT to share lunch and fellowship. Mary Jane will be the host and provide coffee and dessert and a devotion. Please join us for an afternoon with friends. Bring your own lunch and join in conversation and games. You may bring books and magazines you have finished reading and they can be exchanged with other OWLS and the remainder will be donated to Ablelight Thrift Shop in Crystal Lake.

OWLS are planning to go out for lunch and bowling on February 15 at Sideouts in Island Lake. Meet in the back parking lot to carpool at 11:30 a.m. Sign up on the OWLS calendar to help with planning.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

The class is from 10-11:00am in the conference room by the offices. Everyone is welcome! Join in any time!

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS Meets Sundays at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Meets Sundays at 9:45am in the lower LOFT.

KIDS FOR CHRIST! "KFC"

We meet with our students in grades Preschool-8 every week in a fun and engaging way. The groups are broken down as follows: Christian Playgroup-- Preschool/Kindergarten Crosstown-Grades 1-3, Jesus Company--Grades 4-6, and Confirmation--Grades 7-8.

Class is each Thursday from 4:15-6:30-Dinner included! (School breaks and holidays =no class). A detailed calendar is available at the church on the bulletin boards in the Narthex and LOFT foyer. There is a \$35 fee per child for the entire school year. Please pay by check or cash. Volunteers are needed as well. Please see Chrissy Heiss for more information.

PRAISE TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED


The LOFT service Praise Team is looking for people to share in praising God through music. We need vocalists, musicians, (especially keyboard & guitar) Slides, and Tracks/Soundboard. We can train you! It's easy! Practices are at 9am on Sundays for 10:45am worship. Volunteer once or twice a month or every weekend, whatever you are able. We are also in need of someone to usher and set up chairs on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month. If this sounds like a fit for you, please contact Liz Gezella (elizabethgezella@gmail.com) or the church office (847-639-1702) for more information.

HUMAN CARE MINISTRY -BLOOD DRIVE THANK-YOU

Human Care Ministry along with Versiti Blood Center wishes to THANK EVERYONE who donated at the Blood Drive on January 8th. In times of Critical Need & Crisis we rely on one another to give HOPE for local patients in need of blood!! Because of your generous donations 21 units were collected & this means 63 waiting patients will receive the gift of hope & life!! You are all "A BEACON OF HOPE". Continue to be regular donors & Holy Cross's next drive will be in August 2024. Thanks also to everyone who helped with welcoming donors, serving refreshments, set-up & take down for the drive "THANKS AGAIN"!!!

FEBRUARY 2024

What's Happening This Month:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 12pm OWLS 4:15-6:30 KFC	2	3
4 8:30am Worship 9:45am Bible Study Sunday School 10:45am Worship	5	6 10:00am Bible Class	7 5:30pm Finance	8 10:00am Prayer Shawl 4:15-6:30 KFC	9	10 5:30pm Worship 7:00pm Taize
11 8:30am Worship 9:45am Bible Study Sunday School 10:45am Worship	12	13 10:00am Bible Class 5:30pm Elder's mtg.	14 Ash Wednesday 6:30pm service	15 12pm OWLS Bowling 4:15-6:30 KFC	16	17 5:30pm Worship

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Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

✝ LENT & EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE ✝

Wed. February 14 - 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service

Potluck Dinners will be served at 5:30pm before each midweek service. Please sign up to participate.

Wed. February 21 – 7:00pm Lent Midweek Service

Wed. February 28 – 7:00pm Lent Midweek Service

Wed. March 6 – 7:00pm Lent Midweek Service

Wed. March 13 – 7:00pm Lent Midweek Service

Wed. March 20 – 7:00pm Lent Midweek Service

Thurs. March 28 – 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday March 29 – 11:00am Good Friday Service

7:00pm Good Friday Service

Easter Saturday (No Service)

Sunday March 31 – 8:30am Easter Service- Sanctuary

9:45am Breakfast- Fellowship Hall
10:45am Easter Service- LOFT

